(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against them and to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Surface Transport Policy

2380. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new surface transport policy, if so, what are the details thereof: and

(b) by when the new surface transport policy is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Surface Transport consists of activities relating to shiping, road, road transport, port and inland water transport. Hence no one common policy has been formulated to cover all these sectors.

There is at present no proposal before Government to evolve a new Policy on shipping in the country, However, Planning Commission have constituted Planning Groups on Shipping and Ports under the Chairmanship of the Chairman Shipping Corporation of India and Secretary, Surface Transport respectively in connection with the formulation of a long term perspective plan for Transport Sector on an integrated basis. The main task of the Planning Group will be to prepare a long term plan for shipping for overseas as well as coastal trade based upon sound technical and economic considerations in the time perspective of year 2000 AD.

To examine the existing legal framework governing the administration of the major ports in the country, their operations including cargo handling financial and adminisrative systems and need for integrated and coordinated planning and development Major Ports Administrative Reforms Committee has been set up in January, 1984. The Committee has submitted its interim report in October, 1985 which is under consideration. The Committee's final report is awaited.

To meet the modern day requirements and also keeping in view consideration of Road safety and pollution control, comprehensive amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act is already under consideration. Proposals include liberalisation of permit system, allocation of multiplicity of permits for goods vehicles elimination of cumbersome procedures, revision of all India tourist permit scheme, simplified system for compensation in accident cases etc.

To facilitate smooth movement of growing inter-state roads traffic on the recommendations of the Transport Development Council, quota system in national permits has, recently, been abolished.

Inland Water Transport Authority Act as already been enacted and action is being initiated for setting up of the Inland Water Transport Authority. Action has also been initiated for the implementation of Pilot Project on Allahabad-Patna stretch of the National Waterway No. 1.

Ticketless travel by the delegates to the Congress Centenary Celebrations

2381. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Congress (I) delegates who came to attend the Congress Centenary Celebrations at Bombay travelled ticketless on their way back from Bombay as reported in a section of the press; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Top Position of India and Brazil in Unnecessary Drugs

2382. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 12th December, 1985 under the caption "India and Brazil top in unnecessary drug";

(b) whether it is a fact that an Asian seminar on "pharmaceuticals and the poor" was recently held at Madras;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the seminar concluded with the recommendation to Government for adopting rational policies, banning unnecessary harmful formulations and irrational combinations;

(d) whether Government have received the details of deliberations of the Seminar;

(e) if so, what are the main suggestion and recommendations; and

(f) what action has been taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Formulation of Ethyloestrenon, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol and DES Hexoestrol in the country

2383. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marketing of medicines based on Ethyloestrenol, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol, DES hexoestrol are either banned or allowed use on very restricted basis in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are reports that use of these drugs cause cancer;

(c) the names of the formulations being marketed in our country based on these drugs;

(d) whether any medicines based on these drugs were banned;

(e) if so, the names of the drugs and when; and

(f) what steps have been taken to ban or restrict the use of these drugs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) M/s Ciba-Geigy, Basle, Switzerland had taken a decision to withdraw voluntarily their anabolic steroid preparations methandienone (brand name Dianabol) from the world market. We do not have information regarding other drugs being banned or their use restricted in other countries. We are not aware of any report on cancer being caused by the use of these drugs

(c) As licences for manufacture and sale of formulations are granted by the State Drugs Control Authorities, we do not have the names of all the formulations marketed in our country containing these drugs.

(d) to (f) The I.C.M.R. who were requested to review the position regarding the use of anabolic steroids in therapy were of the view that there